

Sept. 5, 1974 - Thurs.

Dear Vicki and Jim,

We had five days at the cabin over Labor Day week-end as dad took Friday and Tuesday off. The weather was beautiful so I had the birthday dinner for Ruthie outside. Stella and Harold were up for one night. Saturday a forest fire started about four miles up from the cabin so all the people who were camping at Gloucester Park were evacuated. Helicopters fought the fire by lifting large drums of water from the river and dropping it down on the fire. They could open up the water by some device inside the helicopter. When dad and I left Tuesday we drove up there and the fire men were still there but it was down to just smoldering. All week-end we fishing road

was like 5th Avenue in New York.
The motor bikes and campers and
trailers were just every place.

Mary and Mike finally got a
repossessed house in east Seattle.
I am going to see it today. It is a
small two bedroom house which
cost 15,000 and the payments will
be \$160 a month. It is completely
re-decorated and new carpeting
in all the rooms. Mary isn't too
thrilled over it but it is better
than an apartment and they plan
to rent it out sometime. It will
be two or three months before they
can move in.

I am having two couples over this
Saturday night. Marty's husband, Tom
doesn't play bridge so we will play
his favorite game of shanghai which
is a very stupid rummy game.

Mary feels fine but is anxious
to have the baby. It should come
any time now.

Love, Mom.